(c) whether the industrial houses are exploiting ground water and creating environmental problems; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and by when the committee's recommendations, after examination, are likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (d) The Ministry of Water Resources has set up a Sub-Committee to formulate a policy for water for industries which provides the framework for regulation as well as incentive for economic use for large users of ground water. The Sub-Committee has submitted its report to the Ministry. The Sub-Committee in its report has discussed the National Water Policy provisions, ground water scenario in the country, water requirement for industrial uses, need for artificial recharge to ground water, etc.

Fund for Narengguri Bund

2012. SHRI URKHAO GWARA BRAHMA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

the amount of funds allocated for that for the protection of Narengguri Bund including necessary diversion or restoration of original course of rivers Manas, Bakey and Hakua near at Manas National Park, Bakra district of Assam;

the amount of money sanctioned and implemented for the said Bund from NABARD last year; and

whether any special initiative to control major rivers within Bodoland area, under the foothills of Bhutan, which have become cause of miseries for the people in the last few decades due to flood and erosion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) An amount of Rs. 8.31 lakhs under Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) has been sanctioned under the scheme "Immediate measures for closing of breach at 17th km Left Bank Embankment of river Beki from Mathanguri to National Trunk Road under CRF 2007-2008 (at Narayanguri)" for closing of breach at Naryanguri. An amount of Rs. 416.00 Lakh was also sanctioned by NABARD for implementation of the scheme "Training of Manas, Beki at upper reaches (Raising and Strengthening of embankment from chainage 16th km to 25.20 km).

(c) A Joint Group of Experts (JGE) on Flood Management was constituted during 2004 between India and Bhutan to discuss and assess the probable causes and effects of the recurring floods and erosion in the southern foothills of Bhutan and adjoining plains in India and recommend to both Governments appropriate and mutually acceptable remedial measures. Two meetings of JGE have been held so far.

A scheme titiled "Comprehensive Scheme for Establishment of Hydro-meteorological and Flood Forecasting Network on rivers common to India and Bhutan" is in operation. The network consists of 35 hydro-meteorological/meteorological stations located in Bhutan and being maintained by the Royal Government of Bhutan with funding from India. The data received from these stations are utilized in India by the Central Water Commission for formulating flood forecasts.

Brahmaputra Board has taken up the construction on Pagladiya Dam Project at Thalkuchi (a Bodoland area) in Baksa district of Assam for flood control, irrigation and power generation.

In addition to above, the Brahmaputra Board has also taken up the execution of the scheme namely Protection of Nagrijuii, Rangia town and Mukalmua-Borbhag area from flood and erosion of river Bornadi/Puthimari within Bodoland areas. The scheme on completion would protect Rangia, Mukalmua and Borbhag area from flood and Nagrijuii from erosion.

Surplus water for irrigation and drinking

2013. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCE be pleased to state:

whether a few States have agreed to link their rivers in an attempt to harvest surplus water for irrigation and drinking purposes;

if so, the details thereof;

whether the feasibility reports have been prepared in this regard;

if so, the details thereof;

whether the above inter-linking of rivers involve displacement of inhabitants; and

if so, the details thereby and the manner in which these displaced inhabitants will be resettled?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI **JAI** PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (d) The Ministry of Water Resouces (erstwhile Ministry of Irrigation) and Central Water Commission formulated a National perspective Plan (NPP) for Water Resources Development in 1980. The NPP comprises of two components viz. (i) Peninsular Rivers Development and (ii) Himalayan Rivers Development and envisages construction of storages on various river systems along with inter-linking canal systems to transfer water from water surplus areas to water deficit regions. National Water Development Agency (NWDA) was set up in 1982 to study the feasibility of Interbasin water transfer proposals and give a concrete shape to NPP. The Inter-linking proposals under NPP envisages additional benefits of 25 million ha. of irrigaiton from surface waters, 10 million ha. by increased use of ground waters and generation of 34 thousand M W of power apart from the incidental benefits of flood moderation, navigaiton, water supply, salinity & pollution control etc.

Based on various studies conducted, NWDA has identified 30 links for preparation of Feasibility Reports (FRs). Out of these, FRs of 14 links under Peninsular Component & *2* links (Indian Portion) under Himalayan Component have already been completed. NWDA has taken up the work of Preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) for one priority link *viz.* Ken-Betwa under Peninsular Component.

The storages/structures contemplated in various proposals of inter-linking of rivers involve displacement of inhabitants.

At present no inter-linking project under NPP is under implementation. Therefore, the